

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRIORITY TRANSMISSION AND DISPLAY OF KEY AREAS OF IMAGE DATA

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and an apparatus for selecting, prioritizing, saving, and receiving image
data are disclosed. Portions of an image can be selected and the selected portions
assigned priorities using preferred embodiments of the present invention. The prioritized
image portions can then be saved in a prioritized graphics file. The image can be saved in
any graphics file format. When a user accesses the prioritized graphics file, the highest
10 priority portions of the image will be sent to and received by the user first. These highest
priority portions will then be displayed to the user. Lower priority portions will
subsequently be sent and received until the entire image is displayed to the user. This
allows the areas of higher priority to be seen by the user before the user sees areas of
lower priority.